

CHILD CARE CENTER LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

15 September 2016
Highland Plaza Building, Auditorium
3760 South Highland Drive
Salt Lake City, UT

Members Present: Naysla Anderson, Laura Brown for Julie Shakib, Genevieve Romero, Dale Smith, and Deborah Tilley.

Members Excused: Scott Smith.

Members Absent: None.

Department of Health and Child Care Licensing Staff Present: Sarah Atherton, Avis Burrows, Patrice Isabella, Donna Thomas, Kathleen Sanders, Jessica Strout, Kim Rice, and Austin Roy.

AGENCY AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Care About Childcare – Karrie Phillips

- A new webinar for CCDF reauthorization will be available the week of September 19, 2016 on the CAC website. This is now required in order to report lower rates online. Providers will automatically be qualified for 12 months.
- Requirements for the After School Credential, a type of professional development award, have been updated.
- CAC will be contacting providers in the next few months to gather data regarding emergency contact information, and data on children with disabilities.

Child Care Licensing – Donna Thomas

- Reminder: Care About Childcare is working with Child Care Licensing to process fingerprints. Appointment is required. Next Generation Fingerprint fee must be paid with Child Care Licensing before Care About Childcare will process fingerprints. CAC is currently waiving the handling fee for fingerprints. All providers and caregivers will be required to have Next Generation Fingerprints completed by September 30, 2017.
- The Child Care Licensing Emergency Preparedness Plan has been expanded and now includes a plan for communicating with providers in the event of a major disaster or emergency.
- CCL is very close to being able to take online payments for all fees (Fingerprints, Background Screenings, License/Certificate Fees, etc.), and more information will be coming soon.

WELCOME

Deborah T. welcomed those members of the committee and the public who were in attendance. Meeting commenced at 11:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the July meeting were approved via email.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Screen Time Limit

Screen time limits were discussed by the committee. Deborah T. commented that academics are done on screens, thus requiring some children to have screen time. Deborah feels that screen time can be beneficial and help improve scores on reading tests, among other things. Deborah thinks that screen time limits should be a parent choice, and that screen time should be quality screen time for things like academics, and that it is ideal for children to have a variety of different activities throughout the day.

Laura B. commented that there is no longer a need for strict limits on screen time as society and its use of devices and screen time evolves. However, it is still best for children under the age of 2 to receive quality face-to-face interactions.

Karrie Phillips said that the American Heart Association is currently pushing for a rule change to help promote physical activity of children.

Patrick Marino commented that he feels like screen time limits should be handled via education and not through a new rule.

Office Supplies Accessible to School Age Students

Providers are concerned that school age children are coming with school supplies that could result in a facility being written up. Providers would like the rules to be adjusted to allow for school supplies.

Donna Thomas responded that CCL does not inspect backpacks, and thus if items are being put away there should be no findings. However, liquid white out and rubber cement are toxic items and will be written up if found accessible; scissors are okay to have, but not adult scissors.

Donna reviewed the interpretation manual with the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elliot Front, University of Utah, asked if background screenings done by schools and those done by CCL could be combined into one. Donna Thomas responded that it is in statute and a requirement for license exempt programs to have a screening done through CCL. However, Donna recommended that he speak with the school districts to see if they would accept CCL background screenings in lieu of their own.

ASSIGNMENTS

Donna Thomas: Upload document regarding screen time, from Deborah T., to the website.

ADJOURNMENT

Deborah T. adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE 2016

November 10, 2016

Highland Plaza Building
3760 S. Highland Dr.
Salt Lake City, UT
3rd Floor Auditorium
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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